

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-13 are pending herein. Applicants have amended claim 13 to eliminate multiple dependency. No new matter has been added. Applicants believe the case is now in condition for examination.

Attached hereto as page 3 is a marked-up version of the changes made to claim 3 by the current Amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

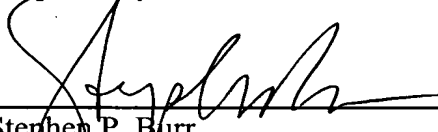
If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

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Date

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE****In the Claims:**

**Claim 13 has been amended as follows:**

13. (Amended) A photonic device comprising a semiconductor element as defined  
in ~~any one of claims 1-12~~ claim 1.

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